
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5824

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By Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Parlette and Horn)

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing rural fire protection districts to
2 contract with cities for ambulance services and impose a monthly
3 utility service charge on each developed residential property located
4 in the fire protection district; and adding a new section to chapter
5 52.12 RCW.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 52.12 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) A rural fire protection district organized under this title may
10 enter into a contract pursuant to chapter 39.34 RCW with a contiguous
11 city for the furnishing by the city to the fire protection district or
12 districts of emergency medical services in the form of ambulance
13 services, provided that the contract may not provide for the
14 establishment of any ambulance service that would compete with any
15 existing, private ambulance service. The fire protection district or
16 districts may impose a monthly utility service charge on each developed
17 residential property located in the portion of the fire protection
18 district or districts served pursuant to the contract in an amount
19 equal to the amount imposed by the city on similar city developed

1 residential property. Developed residential property includes single-
2 family residences, apartments, manufactured homes, mobile homes, and
3 trailers available for occupancy for a continuous period greater than
4 thirty days. A fire protection district or districts may contract with
5 the contiguous city or with any other governmental entity pursuant to
6 chapter 39.34 RCW for the billing and collection services related to
7 the monthly utility service charge for ambulance service. A city
8 providing ambulance services to a fire protection district or districts
9 under a contract entered into pursuant to this subsection may charge
10 individuals actually using the ambulance services reasonable rates and
11 charges for the ambulance services.

12 (2) For purposes of this section, "rural" means a population
13 density within the fire protection district or districts as a whole of
14 ten or fewer persons per square mile.

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